PTO/SB/21 (08-04)

Approved for use through 07/91/2006, OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Under the Pacetwork Requeston Act of 1995 no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. Application Number 10/783.770 RECEI TRANSMITTAL Filing Date 2/20/2004 CENTRAL FAX CENTER FORM First Named Inventor Hui Liang Yuan et al. Art Unit 1773 Examiner Name 2005 Ramsey E. Zacharia (to be used for all correspondence after trittel filing) **Attorney Docket Number** 03-0042 Total Number of Pages in This Submission **ENCLOSURES** (Check all that apply) After Allowance Communication to TC Fee Transmittal Form Drawing(s) Appeal Communication to Board Fee Attached Licensing-related Papers of Appears and Interferences × Appeal Communication to TC Petition Amendment/Reply (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief) Petition to Convert to a Proprietary Information After Final Provisional Application Power of Attorney, Revocation Status Letter Affidavits/doctaration(s) Change of Correspondence Address Other Enclosure(s) (please identify Extension of Time Request Terminal Disclaimer below): Request for Refund Express Abandonment Request CD, Number of CD(s) Information Disclosure Statement Landscape Table on CD Certified Copy of Priority Remarks Document(s) If for any reason Applicant has not paid a sufficient amount to prevent the abandonment of this Reply to Missing Parts/ application, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee due (or credit any Incomplete Application overpayment) to the credit card indicated on the Credit Card Payment Form previously filed in Reply to Missing Parts this matter. under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53 SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT Firm Name Freudenberg-NOK General Partnership Signature Printed name Ronald W. Wangerow Date Reg. No. October 27, 2005 29.597 CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION/MAILING I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO or deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class majrily an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date shown below: Signature Ronald W. Wangerow Date October <u>2</u> 2005 Typed or printed name

This collection of Information is required by 37 CFR 1.5. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidencially is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to 2 hours to complete, including gathering, properting, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the includual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form ander suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief information Officer, U.S. Patent and Tracement. Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. Department of Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.:

10/783,770

Filing Date:

2/20/2004

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

Applicant:

Hui Liang Yuan et al.

OCT 2 7 2005

Group Art Unit:

1773

Examiner:

Ramsey E. Zacharia

Title:

Fluoroelastomer Gasket Compositions

Attorney Docker:

03-0042

Commissioner for Patents MS Non-Fee Amendment P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed September 27, 2005, for which the Examiner has set a one month due date for response, making this response timely filed as of today's date.

Restriction/Election Requirement

The Examiner subjected the pending claims (1-52) to a Restriction Requirement, stating that the claims are drawn to three distinct inventions, and has thus grouped the claims accordingly: Group I comprised of Claims 1-18, Group II comprised of Claims 22-47 and 52, and Group III comprised of Claims 48-51. The Examiner has required Applicants to elect one Group for which to continue prosecution in this case.

Applicants note that the Examiner lists the claims of Group I (drawn to a composition) as 1-18. Applicants also note that the Examiner has not listed Claims 19-21 (also drawn to the composition of Group I) as being part of any of the three Groups of claims. Applicants assume that the omission of Claims 19-21 was an oversight, and respond herewith under the assumption that Claims 19-21 are included in Group I.

Accordingly, Applicants hereby elect to continue the prosecution of the claims of Group II (Claims 22-47 and 52), and hereby cancel the claims of Groups I (Claims 1-21) and III (Claims 48-51). This election is made with traverse.

Applicants reserve the right to continue the prosecution of Group I (Claims 1-21) and/or Group III (Claims 48-51) in a Divisional application which will claim priority from the instant application.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this Response is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (734) 354-5445.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated:

Customer No. 29293

FREUDENBERG-NOK GENERAL PARTNERSHIP

Legal Department

47690 East Anchor Court

Plymouth, MI 48170-2455

Direct Line: (734) 354-5445 Facsimile: (734) 451-1445

Serial No. 10/783,770

Page 2 of 2